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1. The reply filed on 29 April 2005 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

Applicant's election without traverse of "Species VIII, Fig. 16, including claim 27-30" in the reply filed on 29 April 2005 is acknowledged. Claims 27-30, however, do not read on the elected species as this species does not include a "perpendicular magnetic recording medium" nor a "recording element", for instance. Accordingly, all claims would be withdrawn from further consideration pursuant to 37 CFR 1.142(b) as being drawn to one or more non-elected species, there being no allowable generic or linking claim. It is suggested that applicant elect another species for prosecution on the merits and/or amend the claims to read on an elected species.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Craig A. Renner whose telephone number is (571) 272-7580. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday 9:00 AM - 7:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-7579. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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